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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

***Listing of Claims:***

1. (Previously Presented) A tool arrangement for binding an object comprising: a lock mount having a sensor and being configured to receive a lock, said lock capable of receiving ends of a band, said sensor having a first sensing position in the absence of the lock, a second sensing position in the presence of the lock, and a third sensing position when the lock contains a band.
2. (Previously Presented) The arrangement as claimed in claim 1, wherein the lock contains at least one detent which interacts with the band, said detent is deflected out of a rest position in the presence of the band and is sensed by the sensor.
3. (Previously Presented) The arrangement as claimed in claim 1, wherein, the sensor has a part which senses the lock.
4. (Previously Presented) The arrangement as claimed in claim 2, wherein a direction of a sensing movement of the sensor essentially coincides with a direction in which the lock is to be introduced into the lock mount.

5. (Previously Presented) The arrangement as claimed in claim 3, wherein the sensor is of multi-step design.

6. (Previously Presented) The arrangement as claimed in claim 1, wherein the lock has a through-passage for the sensor.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Submitted) The arrangement as claimed in claim 1, wherein the tool further has a blade provided for cutting off one band end, and serves as a stop for the other band end.

9. (Previously Presented) The arrangement as claimed in claim 2, wherein the sensor has a part which senses the lock.

10. (Previously Presented) The arrangement as claimed in claim 3, wherein a direction of a sensing movement of the sensor essentially coincides with a direction in which the lock is to be introduced into the lock mount.

11. (Previously Presented) The arrangement as claimed in claim 4, wherein the sensor is of multi-step design.

12. (Previously Presented) The arrangement as claimed in claim 3, wherein the lock has a through-passage for the sensor.

13. (Previously Presented) The arrangement as claimed in claim 4, wherein the lock has a through-passage for the sensor.

14. (Previously Presented) The arrangement as claimed in claim 5, wherein the lock has a through-passage for the sensor.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) The arrangement as claimed in claim 2, wherein the tool further has a blade provided for cutting off one band end, and serves as a stop for the other band end.

20. (Previously Presented) The arrangement as claimed in claim 3, wherein

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